

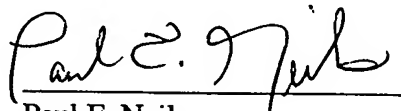
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**  
**U.S. Application No. To be assigned**

**PCT/FR00/00916**  
**Attorney Docket No. Q66643**

**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments are made in order to remove multiple dependencies and avoid the Government surcharge. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPENDIX**  
**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

The claims are amended as follows:

8. (Amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the wave guide tunnel (15) has a rectangular cross section.
10. (Amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the reaction fluid is introduced into the container (24) in such a way that the processing is applied to the inner face of the container.
11. (Amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the reaction fluid is introduced into the enclosure (12), outside the container (24), in such a way that the processing is applied to the outer face of the container.
12. (Amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that inside the enclosure (12), a cavity (18) is delimited by a wall (10) made of a material that is appreciably transparent to the microwaves, and the container (24) is received inside the cavity (18).
13. (Amended) Device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, characterized in that the treatment includes a step in which a material is deposited by low-pressure plasma.